

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating R. Jack Lewis, Jr. on his induction into the American Society of Baking Hall of Fame.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating R. Jack Lewis, Jr. on his induction into the American Society of Baking Hall of Fame.

Whereas, In 1925, R. Jack Lewis, Sr. founded Lewis Bakeries in Anna, Illinois, with his two brothers. Lewis, Sr. took over the company in 1944 and transformed it into a major regional bakery in Evansville, Indiana;

Whereas, After returning from college in 1959, R. Jack Lewis, Jr. started working for the family business. Under Lewis, Jr.'s leadership, Lewis Bakeries gained a reputation for innovation in the wholesale bakery business;

Whereas, Lewis Bakeries' innovations include being the first bakery to make a whole-grain health claim on its packaging and introducing half loaves of bread. Lewis Bakeries is also one of the first bakeries to use fiber and produce and market sugar-free bread;

Whereas, The goal of Lewis Bakeries is to produce healthy products, emphasizing reduced calorie and fat-free convenience foods and bread products;



Whereas, Lewis Bakeries has stayed on the cutting edge of the food industry by making acquisitions and using the latest technology in its computer-controlled plants. In addition, they have developed scan-based trading programs with Kroger, Meijer, Sam's Club, and Walmart;

Whereas, Lewis Bakeries' innovative approach and success in the industry resulted in Lewis, Jr. being named Entrepreneur of the Year in 1997 by Ernst and Young;

Whereas, Annually, Lewis Bakeries produces more than 83 million pounds of bread and buns, uses nearly 45 million pounds of white flour, and earns about \$200 million;

Whereas, Lewis Bakeries is the largest wholesale bakery in Indiana, with locations in Evansville, La Porte, Fort Wayne, and Vincennes. There are locations in Chicago, Illinois; Green Bay, Wisconsin; Huntsville, Alabama; Memphis, Tennessee; Murfreesboro, Tennessee; and St. Louis, Missouri;

Whereas, Lewis, Jr., president of Lewis Bakeries, Inc., was inducted into the American Society of Baking Hall of Fame on March 1, 2010. His father, Lewis, Sr., was inducted posthumously;

Whereas, To be inducted into the American Society of Baking Hall of Fame, an individual must have shown leadership in the commercial baking industry by demonstrating innovative achievements and entrepreneurial spirit, a standard that Lewis, Jr. and Sr. undoubtedly met with flying colors; and

Whereas, R. Jack Lewis, Jr.'s outstanding leadership as president of Lewis Bakeries, and his induction into the American Society of Baking Hall of Fame, are worthy of enormous praise: Therefore,



*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate congratulates R. Jack Lewis, Jr.
2 on his induction into the American Society of Baking Hall of Fame.
3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to R. Jack Lewis, Jr.

